

Statement from the NSW Department of Education

- 1) Gmail has been used by students since 2008. Public school students and staff in NSW have also had a Google Apps for Education account since January 2015, which offers them a range of collaboration and productivity tools including GoogleDocs.
- 2) Students access Google Classroom using their standard credentials to log on our Portal.
- 3) Although Google Suite for Education is available to all public students, the use of this and other online collaboration services is at the discretion of individual teachers.
- 4) The use of Google Apps is governed by a GSuite for Education Online Agreement along with other privacy policies. Student information and data is collected, stored and processed by Google solely for the purpose of providing the Google Apps service. It is not used for advertising or to create profiles of students. As with all online activity, the use of Google Apps is supported by training and resources to help students learn good digital citizenship, in a safe environment, and learn to consider what type of information to share and who they should share it with.
- 5) The only information that is provided to Google for access from the Portal is a student's username and grade. No other information is provided. In accordance with its privacy policy, Google may also collect device and location information as part of providing the service.